



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Fred Fensel et al

For : METHOD OF PROCESSING BITUMEN-  
POLYMER BLENDS OF IMPROVED  
QUALITY

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 2, 2004, please amend the above-identified  
patent application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 1-18 (Canceled).

19. (New) A roofing membrane having an upper and lower surface and comprising a  
fleece or mat like reinforcing material at least partially embedded by a continuous matrix of bitumen  
modified by addition of a modifying polymer, said bitumen includes a material selected from the